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Info:

IA Peace Committee met afternoon June 21 to consider note dated June 19 from Guatemala setting forth developments concerning revolutionary movement and requesting that it take steps maintain peace and security Central America and stop alleged aggression. Note was almost identical with that considered by UN SC June 20.

Immediately prior to meeting Guatemalan Chargé delivered second note to IAPC requesting that action on earlier note be suspended pending clarification of effect of resolution adopted by SC June 20 which called for all members to avoid acts susceptible contributing to bloodshed. SC action taken after Soviet vetoed referral of problem to OAS.

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IAPC approved note acknowledging receipt of two Guatemalan communications and stating Committee has taken note of charges and awaits developments in this case in order to continue to make available its good offices.

US member IAPC stated his GOVT would have preferred take up charges at meeting, since OAS proper forum for IA disputes, but under

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under circumstances agreed to procedure adopted and urged Committee meet again soon. FYI Sudden switch Guatemalan position re action by IAPC considered significant as backing Soviet preference that case be handled UNSC and further evidence Soviet influence over Guatemalan foreign policy. You should emphasize this aspect at all appropriate opportunities. END FYI

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